

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action dated December 6, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully studied. Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the present remarks and amendments.

Claims 1-44 are rejected as being anticipated by *Doyle et al* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,968,453). The independent claims are claims 1, 20, 26, 41, and 44. Applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed invention is not disclosed or suggested by *Doyle*. Normally, a role certificate according to the prior art authorizes the device to do something to others. However, in the present invention of claim 1, a role certificate allows others to do something to the device where the role certificate is embedded, for example allowing R&D access to a user's mobile device so that de-bugging can be performed.

The Office Action asserts that *Doyle* discloses a role certificate that allows third party upgrading capability, and the Office Action points especially to column 11, lines 8-40 of *Doyle* and also FIGs. 4 and 6 of *Doyle*. However, Applicant respectfully points out that nowhere in column 11, lines 8-40 is there any mention of a "certificate," or a "role certificate." Those lines of *Doyle* do mention various "referenced inventions" which are listed at column 8, lines 6-11. However, the Office Action has not suggested that any of those referenced inventions uses a certificate to allow others to do something to the device in which the role certificate is embedded. After all, that is the essence of the present independent claims, and yet the cited column 8 of *Doyle* does not mention certificates. If the Office Action is relying upon *Doyle's* "referenced inventions," then Applicant respectfully requests to know which column in which one of those referenced inventions is being relied upon.

It is true — as the Office Action points out — that *Doyle* does mention certificates, for example at column 7, lines 13-17. However, nothing in *Doyle* suggests a connection between that section of *Doyle* and column 8, lines 6-11. Moreover, it is clear

from column 7, lines 5-6 that transactions are being created “by the operably connected components” of a portable device, whereas the present claims specifically say that an activity is activated within the device “by said at least one party.” This is the reverse of what is suggested at column 7, lines 5-6.

New Claims 45 and 46

Applicant respectfully notes that nowhere in the *Doyle* patent is there any mention of a “role certificate.” This is a technical term having a specific technical meaning defined by the present specification:

[S]uch a certificate would contain various components ... including the name of the Certification Authority that issued the certificate, a serial number, an expiration date, as well as other information. In particular, the role certificate contains information regarding one or more permitted activities. The role certificate is signed by the CA that created the certificate.

New claim 45 is added to clarify the definition of a “role certificate.”

New claim 46 is supported at least by page 3 of the application as originally filed, lines 10-21.

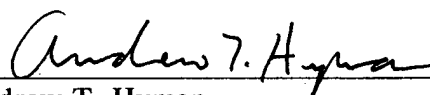
CONCLUSION

Because the cited *Doyle* reference does not teach or suggest critical elements of the present independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that those claims are novel and patentable. Thus, allowance of pending claims 1-46 is respectfully requested. Applicant would be grateful if the Examiner would please contact Applicant's attorney by telephone if the Examiner detects anything in the present response that might hinder a speedy allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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